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Senator Says U. S. Spies Are Top Reds Abroad

Sen. Milton R. Young (R., N.D.) one of the few men in Washington privy to the Central Intelligence Agency's innermost secrets, said today that many of the best spies the U.S. has abroad are top Communist Party officials.

Sen. Young is one of only six senators who know precisely how much money is appropriated for the super-secret CIA and for what purpose. The funds are concealed in the budgets of dozens of other Federal agencies for security purposes.

Last winter, Sen. Young toured virtually all of the CIA's overseas offices as a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee.

"Many of our most valuable CIA operatives in various countries thruout the world are actually high-ranking Communist Party officials," he wrote in a report to his constituents.

Asked to elaborate, Sen. Young told United Press International that American spies cannot work their way up in the apparatus of foreign communist parties.

"Some party members — not too sold on communism — for a price will work for us," he said.

"These operatives are experts in their line of work and they find little difficulty in adapting themselves to any kind of political environment."

On the other side of the fence, Sen. Young said, every communist to some degree is an espionage agent. He said that in the U.S. they usually hide out in extreme left-wing groups. But they can conceal themselves effectively in almost any level of society, including far-right organizations.

"They are fewer in number now in the U.S. than at any time in the past 20 years and most of them are known to the FBI," he said.

"The agents and operatives of the Russian DGB (similar to the CIA in scope) and their GRU (military espionage) are much more difficult to cope with.

"One of their major missions is to seek out top secret military and scientific information," Young said. "The FBI . . . has been able to apprehend most of these agents but undoubtedly some are still operating, and at very high levels." (UPI)

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